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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: IS, LE, JO, PFOR  
SUBJECT: ISRAELI ARABS TRAVEL TO JORDAN AND TO LEBANON

1. A DELEGATION OF 28 NOTABLES CROSSED THE ALLENBY BRIDGE INTO JORDAN TO CONVEY CONDOLENCES ON BEHALF OF ISRAEL'S MOSLEM ARABS TO KING HUSSEIN AT THE RECENT DEATH OF QUEEN ALIA. THE TRIP WAS THE FIRST EVER TO AN ARAB COUNTRY BY AN ORGANIZED GROUP OF THOSE ARABS (AND THEIR DESCENDANTS) WHO, IN THE PERIOD OF 1948 AND 1949, ELECTED TO REMAIN IN ISRAEL. THE FACT THAT THE GOJ APPROVED SUCH A VISIT BY HOLDERS OF ISRAELI CITIZENSHIP DOCUMENTS HAS BEEN WIDELY AND FAVORABLE NOTED IN ISRAEL AND, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, IT MAY SERVE AS A PRECEDENT FOR FURTHER TRIPS,  
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IN PARTICULAR, BY ISRAELI ARABS WISHING TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE TO MECCA. TO THAT END, THE DELEGATION REPORTEDLY HAD INTENTIONS OF MEETING WITH SAUDI DIPLOMATS IN AMMAN DURING THEIR BRIEF STOPOVER.

2. IN CONNECTION WITH THE JORDAN TRIP, IT WAS REPORTED THAT WHEN WORD GOT OUT THAT THE VISIT HAD BEEN APPROVED

BY BOTH ISRAEL AND JORDAN, JUNDREDS OF ISRAELI ARABS  
APPLIED TO THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR FOR PERMISSION TO  
GO.

3. ISRAELI-LEBANESE CROSS-BORDER BUS SERVICE BETWEEN  
NAZARETH AND HAIFA (VIA METULLA AND DOVEV) AND AL QULAY'AH  
WAS INAUGURATED FEBRUARY 20. IN THE FIRST RUN OF WHAT  
IS EXPECTED TO BE BI-WEEKLY SERVICE, THIRTY-ONE ISRAELI  
ARABS (CHRISTINAS) CROSSED INTO SOUTHERN LEBANON TO SPEND  
THE DAY WITH THEIR RELATIVES. THEIR RETURN WAS MARRED  
BY THE CONFISCATION BY IDF SOLDIERS OF GIFTS THEY HAD  
RECEIVED AND BROUGHT BACK, CONTRARY TO AN UNDERTAKING  
THEY HAD SIGNED BEFORE GOING THAT THEY WOULD NOT BRING  
BACK ANY ITEMS FROM LEBANON.

4. COMMENT: BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: THE GOI IS  
WELL-SATISFIED WITH ITS POLICIES OF "OPEN BRIDGES"  
AND THE "GOOD FENCE," WHICH IT HOPES TO SET AS EXAMPLES  
OF FUTURE "OPEN BORDERS." BUT IN THEIR LINKING TOGETHER  
OF THE FENCES AND THE BRIDGES--AS PERES AND ALLON  
HAVE DONE PUBLICLY ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS--ISRAELIS  
TEND TO OVERLOOK THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE GOJ, WHICH  
MAY BE A MORE OR LESS WILLING PARTNER, AND THE GOL,  
WHICH APPEARS TO BE A SILENT WITNESS TO A FAIT ACCOMPLI.  
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